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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Director of Strategic Research
SUBJECT : Status Report on Reorganization Exercise

1. As you requested, I have briefed Duckett, Proctor, Nelson, and Blake.

2. You are aware we have received the Executive order on restrictions for final staffing. [] tells me this is still to be a piece of the omnibus order. They are sending out each section as it is ready, but don't yet want it known that the restrictions order is in fact part of a larger one.

3. Also according to [] they were to see the President again yesterday on the reorganization package. I have heard nothing since, but presumably the next step will be for the President to have a final talk with Rumsfeld and the Joint Chiefs.

4. I think it would be a good idea for you to call Marsh and ask about any developments in your absence. We want to keep our concerns visible, as we can be sure DoD is lobbying the other way. If you feel free to do so, you might ask that you have another look at the proposal before it is issued, and that you have another opportunity to discuss it with the President if you believe it has been significantly weakened.

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